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1. [REDACTED] there are two obvious opposing factions in the SED: the German line, usually represented by former SPD members, and the Moscow line, represented by adherents of the old KPD and German emigres who passed the Nazi era in Russia.

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3. Ulbricht, Pieck, and Gniffke are the consistent advocates of the Moscow line. Grotewohl, a Moscow adherent, is under constant Russian pressure and the influence of Ulbricht, without which he would probably find his way into the German camp.

4. In Thuringia, the SED split is fairly obvious, with constant jockeying for high and medium-level positions. The SPD group usually aims at the posts of Landrat and Bürgermeister or similar governmental and administrative positions while the KPD seeks to install its members primarily in the police. KPD almost completely controls that organization.

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5. The supporters of the SPD or German line include the following:

Appell, Thuringian Minister of Economy
 Hessler, Secretary of the Thuringian Landtag
 Böhme, Chief of the Administrative Section of the Ministry of Interior
 Hoffmann, Chairman of SED Thuringia
 Schmidt, Oberregierungsrat under Böhme in the Ministry of Interior
 Dr. Dreikorn, Landrat for Weimar County, scheduled to become administrator of public estates and experimental farms with the Central Administration in Berlin
 Faust, Head of the Refugee Division in the Ministry of Interior, former mayor of Weimar.

6. The supporters of the KPD or Moscow line are primarily Eggerath, Heilmann, Wolf, Turkerst, Schneider, Frommhold, Bergner, and Hossinger.

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